

Commemorative Issues - Eight sets issued in 1969.

1969/01 British Ships, issued 15th January 1969.

The set of six stamps was issued to commemorate five famous ships from the past, and the Queen Elizabeth 2 which would make her maiden voyage to New York later in the year.

The three 9d stamps were issued se-tenant, and the two 1/- stamps also issued se-tenant. All six stamps were designed by **David Gentleman**. Set was withdrawn from sale 14th January 1970.

5d



RMS Queen Elizabeth 2 - 6 dies

9d



Galleon - 0 dies

East Indiaman - 1 die

Cutty Sark - 1 dies

1/-



SS Great Britain - 1 die

RMS Mauretania - 0 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *British Ships issue*, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

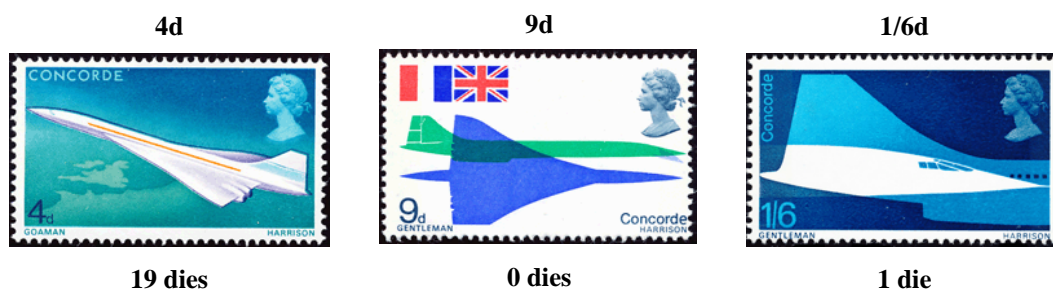
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8 DD	<< Totals >>	9 DDF	6	0	1	1	1	0
1	B0024.01	B				9d		
2	B5820.01	BP/M	5d					
3	E4110.03M	ES			9d		1/-	
4	E4960.02M	EW	5d					
5	P2350.01M	P.H/C ^o .	5d					
6	P5170.01M	PW/M	5d					
7	W2940.01M	W/G	5d					
8	W4370.01M	WILLS	5d					

1969/02 First Flight of 'Concorde', issued 3rd March 1969.

Concorde was a joint venture between the French aircraft company Aérospatiale and the British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) under an Anglo-French treaty. The aeroplane's top speed was Mach 2.04, and first flown in 1969. This iconic aircraft sported an articulated 'droop-nose' to allow the pilot a clearer view on landing, but more importantly, could also be raised to allow supersonic flight. Concorde entered regular passenger service in 1976 and continued commercial flights until 2003. A total of 20 aircraft were built in France and the United Kingdom, six of which were prototypes/development aircraft, leaving seven each for Air France and British Airways.

The set of three stamps, designed by **David Gentleman**, was issued to commemorate the first flight of the supersonic airliner 'Concorde', a joint venture undertaken by Great Britain and France.

The set was withdrawn from sale on the 2nd March 1970.



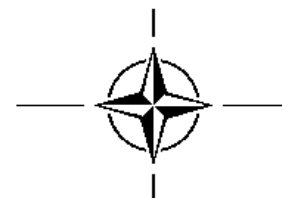
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20 DD	<< Totals >>	20 DDF	19	0	1
1	B7060.02M	B.T	4d		
2	B7100.01	BT/C	4d		
3	C1250.02M	CC/C	4d		
4	C1710.02	CC/S	4d		
5	C4645.01M	C (L ^{td} . Inside)	4d		
6	D0580.01	D.C.	4d		
7	E4170.01	ES/&/AR	4d		
8	F1870.01	FH&P	4d		
9	G1540.01M	GE/C	4d		
10	H0012.11	H	4d		
11	H1490.01	H&Co.			1/6d
12	I1510.01M	IL	4d		
13	J3190.01	J.G.N	4d		
14	K1560.02M	K.S	4d		
15	L1330.02	LCT	4d		
16	M5860.01M	M.V/C ^o .	4d		
17	P0210.01M	PAL/L	4d		
18	P5170.01M	PW/M	4d		
19	S6440.10M	S&S	4d		
20	S6490.01M	S.S/C	4d		

1969/03 Notable Anniversaries, issued 2nd April 1969.

A series of commemorative stamps were issued featuring notable anniversaries. The five chosen were:

- **60th Anniversary** - British aviators (Sir) John William Alcock (1892-1919) and Arthur Witten Brown (1886-1948) made the *first non-stop transatlantic flight* in June 1919. Using a modified World War I Vickers Vimy bomber they successfully flew non-stop from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Clifden, Connemara, Ireland, and in so doing claimed the £10,000 prize offered by the Daily Mail prize for the first crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in 'less than 72 consecutive hours'.
- **10th Anniversary** - EUROPA/CEPT. The 'year emblem' consisting of an architectural Colonnade with 'EUROPA' and 'CEPT' between, was designed by two Italians, Luigi Gasbara and Giorgio Belli, whose names appear on the Italian stamp shown alongside.
- **50th Anniversary** - The International Labour Organisation is an agency of the United Nations, tasked with overseeing labour issues. Set up in 1919 from the aftermath of World War I, it was originally an agency of the League of Nations. The 'ILO' received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1969 for improving peace between classes.
- **20th Anniversary** - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is a military alliance between member states, effective from the 4th April 1949. There were fifteen member states in 1969, which has increased to twenty-eight over the years.
- **60th Anniversary** - The first flight between England and Australia was successfully undertaken in 1919 by Captain Ross Macpherson Smith as pilot with his brother Lieutenant Keith Macpherson Smith as co-pilot, along with two mechanics - Sergeant 'Wally' Shiers and Jim Bennett - using a modified Vickers Vimy, registration **G-EAOU**. The four shared the prize of £10,000 (Aus) offered by the Australian Government.



The set of five stamps was designed by:

- 5d - **P Sharland** - Alcock & Brown.
- 9d - **Michael & Sylvia Goaman** - EUROPA/CEPT.
- 1/- - **P Sharland** - ILO.
- 1/6d - **P Sharland** - NATO.
- 1/9d - **Michael & Sylvia Goaman** - England to Australia.

The set was withdrawn from sale on the 1st April 1970.

Stamp illustrations and table appear on the next page.

5d



14 dies

9d



3 dies

1/-



4 dies

1/9d



0 dies

1/6d



1 die

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *Notable Anniversaries issue*, and is correct to *1st January 2019*.

	PS Cat No	Letters	5d	9d	1/-	1/6d	1/9d
19 DD	<< Totals >>	22 DDF	14	3	4	1	0
1	B0024.01	B		9d			
2	C0011.04M	C	5d				
3	C0530.01M	C.B/B	5d		1/-		
4	C0530.02M	C.B/B	5d				
5	C5520.01M	C/of/A		9d	1/-		
6	E4360.01M	ES/L ^{td} .	5d				
7	E4960.02M	EW	5d				
8	H1490.01	H&C ^o .			1/-	1/6d	
9	I1510.01M	IL	5d				
10	K1560.02M	K.S	5d				
11	N0790.01	NC/&S		9d			
12	O1410.01	OO			1/-		
13	P0410.03	PB	5d				
14	P0420.01	P.B	5d				
15	S6490.01M	S.S/C	5d				
16	T0760.03M	TC	5d				
17	T5110.02	TWL	5d				
18	W1150.01	WC/C ^o L ^d	5d				
19	W4370.01M	WILLS	5d				

1969/04 British Architecture (Cathedrals), issued 28th May 1969.

A set of commemorative stamps was issued featuring six famous British Cathedrals . All six stamps were designed by **Peter Gault**.

- Durham Cathedral - founded in AD1093, renowned for its Norman architecture.
- York Minster - first recorded church on the site dates to AD627.
- St Giles', Edinburgh - present building dates to the late 14th century.
- Canterbury Cathedral - founded in AD597 by Augustine, who was later canonised.
- St Paul's Cathedral - founded in AD604, it was rebuilt after the Great Fire of London.
- Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral - begun in 1962, it was consecrated on 14th May 1967.

The set was withdrawn from sale on the 27th May 1970.

5d Durham - 1 die

5d York - 3 dies



5d Edinburgh - 1 die

5d Canterbury - 2 dies

9d St Paul's

1/6d Liverpool



0 dies

0 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the 'Cathedrals' issue, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

	PS Cat No	Letters	5d SG796	5d SG797	5d SG798	5d SG799	9d SG800	1/6d SG801
6 DD	<< Totals >>	6 DDF	1	3	1	2	0	0
1	B1200.01M	BC/BC				5d		
2	B5820.01	BP/M	5d	5d				
3	H0012.11	H		5d				
4	H1490.01	H&C ^o .		5d				
5	J5360.01	J.M./HX			5d			
6	U1170.01M	U.L				5d		

1969/05 Investiture of HRH The Prince of Wales, issued 1st July 1969.

Issued to mark the investiture of Prince Charles as the Prince of Wales, a ceremony dating back to the reign of King Edward I.

All five stamps were designed by **David Gentleman**. The 5d was in a se-tenant strip of three, and featured three different towers of Caernarvon Castle. The 9d shows the Celtic Cross in Margam Abbey, and the 1/- was taken from of photograph of Prince Charles taken by **G Argent**.

The set was withdrawn from sale on the 30th June 1970.

5d King's Gate 5d Eagle Tower 5d Eleanor's Gate



1 dies

3 dies

3 dies



9d - 1 die



1/- 5 dies

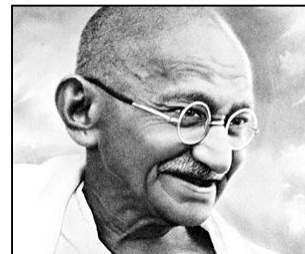
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	PS Cat No	Letters	5d SG802	5d SG803	5d SG804	9d SG805	1/- SG806
11 DD	<< Totals >>	13 DDF	1	3	3	1	5
1	B5820.01	BP/M	5d	5d			
2	C5520.01M	C/of/A			5d		
3	D0580.01	D.C.			5d		1/-
4	E0510.02M	EC					1/-
5	E4360.01M	ES/L ^{td} .					1/-
6	E4960.02M	EW		5d			
7	H0012.11	H		5d			
8	J6830.01	J.S.			5d		
9	T0590.01M	T.B.L ^d /R					1/-
10	T3455.01	T.N./L ^{td} ..					1/-
11	W4980.03M	WL ^d				9d	

1969/06 Gandhi Centenary Year, issued 13th August 1969.

A single stamp issue to commemorate the birth of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948).

More commonly known as ***Mahatma Gandhi***, he was born on the 2nd October 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat, on the north-west coast of India. His arranged marriage to Kasturba took place in 1883, when he was 13 years old and his wife was only 14. On the 4th September 1888 he travelled to England, where he studied law at University College, London. Gandhi became a lawyer, returning to India in 1891, where tried unsuccessfully to practice law.



In 1893 he moved to Natal, South Africa, to work for a law firm. During his stay in South Africa he was exposed to the extreme racism and mistreatment of non-whites, especially those from the sub-continent of India. Here he developed his ideas of using non-violent, passive resistance in fighting political injustice and what we would now call 'human rights'.

In 1914, Gandhi returned to India where he entered politics. His goal was an independent India, achieved by non-violent means. He was jailed for six years in 1922 by the British authorities for 'civil disobedience', but released after two. It was during this period that ***Jawaharlal Nehru*** spearheaded the Independence movement, which after the events of World War II, eventually led to Indian independence on 15th August 1947. Tensions within the country deepened, and in 1948 India was partitioned, with mostly Hindus staying in India, and mainly Muslims forming East and West Pakistan in the north-west. These tensions still exist to this day.

Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated in Delhi on 30th January, 1948, by a Hindu fanatic.

The stamp was designed by ***Biman Mullick***, an Indian graphic designer, and the first overseas artist to design a British postage stamp.

The stamp was withdrawn from sale on the 12th August 1970.

1/6d



2 dies

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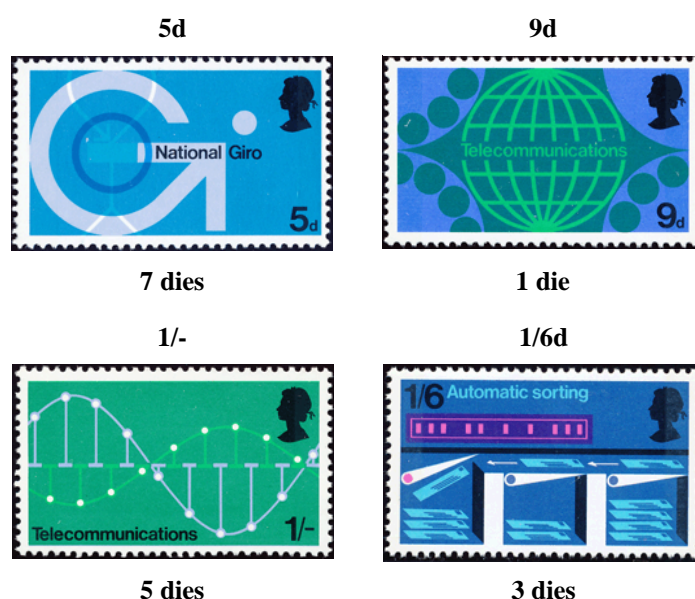
	PS Cat No	Letters	1/6d
1 DD	<< Totals >>	2 DDF	2
1	S6440.10M	S&S	1/6d
2	W8105.01	W.W/L	1/6d

1969/07 Post Office Technology Commemoration, issued 1st October 1969.

A set of four stamps was issued on the day the Post Office became a public corporation. The four stamps depict technological achievements by the Post Office.

- 5d National Giro - Used an electronic system for direct transfer of money, began 1968.
- 9d Telecommunications - International Subscriber Dialling (STD).
- 1/- Telecommunications - Pulse Code Modulation.
- 1/6d Postal Mechanisation - Automatic Sorting.

All four stamps were designed by *David Gentleman*, and printed in Lithography by De La Rue. The stamps were withdrawn from sale 30th September 1970.



The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *P.O. Technology issue*, and is correct to *1st January 2019*.

	PS Cat No	Letters	5d	9d	1/-	1/6d
14 DD	<< Totals >>	16 DDF	7	1	5	3
1	B0230.04	BASS			1/-	
2	B1200.01M	BC/BC			1/-	
3	C5520.01M	C/of/A			1/-	
4	D0580.01	D.C.	5d			
5	D2260.02aM	DHE				1/6d
6	E4170.01	ES/&/AR			1/-	
7	H0012.11	H	5d			
8	H1490.01	H&C ^o .			1/-	1/6d
9	J6830.01	J.S.	5d			
10	N0790.01	NC/&S	5d			
11	S5740.01	S&P.	5d			
12	T0760.03M	TC	5d			
13	W4370.01M	WILLS	5d			
14	W8230.01M	W.W./&S.		9d		1/6d

1969/08 Christmas (1969), issued 26th November 1969.

The set of three stamps, designed by Australian born **Fritz Wegner**, feature traditional religious themes.

- 4d - 'Herald Angel'.
- 5d - 'The Three Shepherds'.
- 1/6d - 'The Three Kings'.

According to the Bible, Luke 2: 1-20, the 'Herald Angels' appeared to the Shepherds outside Bethlehem, announcing (or heralding) the birth of 'the new born King', Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of St Matthew 2 records the 'adoration of the Magi', and their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the names Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar and status as 'Kings' are pure legend. The star the Magi (wise man or possibly astrologers) followed is shown on both the 4d and 5d stamps.

The stamps were withdrawn from sale 25th November 1970.



The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *Christmas 1969 issue*, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

	PS Cat No	Letters	4d	5d	1/6d
9 DD	<< Totals >>	9 DDF	4	5	0
1	C0011.04M	C	4d		
2	C0530.01M	C.B/B		5d	
3	C1250.02M	CC/C		5d	
4	F0012.01M	F		5d	
5	J6830.01	J.S.		5d	
6	P0420.01	P.B	4d		
7	U1170.01M	U.L	4d		
8	W1150.01	WC/C ^o L ^d	4d		
9	W2940.01M	W/G		5d	